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Council tables concern

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The city council voted to table a resolution for a local fraternity to receive a special use permit to expand its existing house.

The expansion has sparked the concern of some residents because of the location of the building.

Approximately 30 years ago, the neighborhood was zoned as an R1 residential area which stipulated that each residence would be for a single family dwelling. However, the Phi Sigma Kappa house was already in the neighborhood as a multiple-person dwelling. Therefore, any changes to the house must meet the approval of the city council by the issuance of a special use permit.

Following a meeting between Phi Sigma Kappa representatives and a spokesman for a group of surrounding home owners the request to table the resolution seemed to be a step forward. The two parties contacted City Manager David Angerer to meet with him and discuss options for a building addition or building a new house.

"Both sides are interested in the betterment of the community," Angerer said. "They need a little bit of time to decide what the building will look like and to satisfy each other."

Doug Thomson, spokesman for the group of home owners, was present at the meeting with Angerer last week and also at Monday's city council meeting. He is trying to reach a compromise with the fraternity and its neighbors.

"We simply think at the present time it's a win-win situation," Thomson said. "We're thankful that they were willing to listen to our concerns."

Mike Burnside, Phi Sigma Kappa Alumni Association representative, spoke at the city council meeting in support of the fraternity.

He asked the council to table the resolution until the fraternity could reach an agreement with its neighbors and make sure the plans were what they wanted as well.

"The University has come out in support of the development of that corner," Burnside said. "And I'm willing to help make the best use of that property."

Candidates address voter participation

By JIMMY MYERS
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The July 12 deadline for registering to vote in the November general election came and went with a whimper.

Michelle Vimarob, press secretary for Jim Talent, republican candidate for governor, said this week's deadline didn't affect the campaign strategy.

"We are aware of the deadline but we haven't done anything in a concerted effort," Vimarob said. "It's just something we continually talk about."

"Jim (Talent) will do voter registration drives from time to time," Vimarob said. "He encourages youngsters not only to vote but to go out there and work for the candidates."

Vimarob said Talent focuses on the Generation X age group.

"The Millennium Group came out with a study in late April that shows so many people of that age don't vote or aren't registered because they don't identify with the issues the candidates talk about," Vimarob said.

Robert Kline, reform candidate for governor, said his attempts to encourage people to register were limited because of financial constraints.

Kline said he will go to the registration functions and pass out fliers.

Kent Benson, another reform candidate for governor, said encouraging people to register to vote is something he brings up all the time but didn't push the issue this week more than any other.

"The people who are going to vote will," Benson said. "All I can do is remind them. People have gotten very apathetic. It's sad."

Nodaway County Clerk John Zimmerman said Nodaway County has 12,211 registered voters and that in '98 there was a very light turnout of only 1,262 voters.

Zimmerman is expecting approximately 3,000 to 4,000 people to vote in the primary elections.

"We have a couple city issues that should bring more people out," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said one of the city issues is the construction of a new ROTC building on campus. Plans include a new gymnasium with various recreational facilities inside. The facilities may be open for students and Maryville residents alike.

Accident at U.S. Highway 71



Paramedics help 76-year-old Emogene Hardisty, Maryville after they removed her from her vehicle. The accident happened when Hardisty was trying to cross U.S. Highway 71 on Route CC and pulled out into the path of 22-year-old Roberta Hagan and struck her in the left front fender with both vehicles coming to a rest blocking Highway 71. Hagan was admitted to St. Francis Hospital with a concussion and is in stable condition. Hardisty was admitted with rib and head injuries and is also in stable condition.

Lawsuit filed against CMSU

By JOSH FLAHARTY
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A former Central Missouri State University faculty member filed a lawsuit against the school June 28.

Barbara Lach-Smith, former faculty adviser of the *Muleskinner*, the university's student newspaper, is suing to get her job back and \$100,000 in damages. She had been in the position for six years.

James Rynard, Lach-Smith's attorney, said the university changed the classification of her position and did not rehire her in retaliation for the *Muleskinner*'s in-depth coverage of outgoing university President Ed Elliott's contract.

The articles prompted an audit by State Auditor Claire McCaskill who was highly critical of the contract. A representative of the State Attorney General's office said the contract was voidable.

"They did not even give her an opportunity to interview for the position," Rynard said.

Rynard said Lach-Smith is getting a lot of support from her former co-workers and students.

"The students have been extremely supportive of her,"

Rynard said. "Earlier in the year when this started to unfold there was a lot of support from the faculty."

Mike Heistand, staff attorney at the Student Press Law Center, said the case has ramifications for every college and university campus in the nation.

"Without providing advisers with some kind of job security when they stand up for their students doing serious news reporting, student media is going to start to suffer," Heistand said.

He said if Lach-Smith wins the case, it will send a message to school officials.

"If she wins, hopefully it will remind school officials that they cannot attack student media for doing their job," Heistand said. "Hopefully it will remind them that, even though you don't like what they write, you can't attack them in their soft spot."

Rynard said it would be at least six months before the case goes to court. In the mean time, the court has ordered non-binding mediation.

CMSU President Bobby Patton was unavailable for comment.

Actors prepare to 'Steel' the spotlight



Annelie (Rachel Melton) washes M'Lynn's (Brenda Stiens) hair Monday in preparation for the production of "Steel Magnolias." The play opens Thursday at the Mary Lynn Performing Arts Center and will continue through Saturday. Performances begin daily at 7:30 p.m. and adult tickets can be purchased for \$5 and students for \$3.

Web degree attainable

By JOSH FLAHARTY
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After several months of preparation, Northwest is ready to sign its ninth articulation agreement with community colleges across the Midwest.

The agreements, eight for business and one for accounting, allow students of the community colleges who graduate with an associate of applied science degree in business or accounting to continue their education online at Northwest to obtain a baccalaureate degree.

"With these community colleges we have accepted more credit hours than a school traditionally accepts," said Ron DeYoung, dean of the College of Professional and Applied Studies.

He said accepting more credit hours is an important change from what is usually done.

"Traditionally, a four-year college accepts up to 64 credit hours," DeYoung said. "We have decided to take the perspective of the students and decided to accept 84 credit hours and that's a significant departure from the past."

DeYoung said the agreements take a long time to finalize because they must ensure the two programs are compatible.

"We're trying to come as close as possible to the actual experience that a student would get in a classroom," DeYoung said.

He said all of the courses are currently online for the business degree. The courses for the accounting degree will be written and placed online during the next two years.

DeYoung said the agreements help the students continue their education while they are working.

"It benefits the students and as a result of that it benefits the University," DeYoung said. "Looking at what is happening in society, people are geography-bound. In the past people would have to physically quit their jobs. This allows them to keep working while they continue their education."

RON DEYOUNG
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND APPLIED STUDIES

Many institutions offer undergraduate courses online, but Northwest is one of very few that offers an entire degree online, DeYoung said.

"I wanted to make sure that if a student started a course at Northwest they could get a baccalaureate degree," DeYoung said.

DeYoung said he is currently working with three other colleges to develop similar agreements.

"I've got a list of about a dozen others that want us to work with them, and that's what we're going to do," DeYoung said.

Quartet takes 1st place at Kansas City contest

By MATT ELFRITS
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On Friday a barbershop quartet from Northwest competed at the college quartet competition in Kansas City, Mo.

The Millennium quartet went up against 21 other quartets and came out on top. Members of the quartet are tenor Eric Woodward, lead Soren Wohlers, baritone Kalin Tapp, and bassist Sydney Libsack.

This was the ninth annual Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest and was conducted in conjunction with the annual International Barbershop Convention.

The college contest is sponsored by the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement for BarberShop Quartet Singing in America. Jim Debusman, a society executive, was in charge of the first college quartet competition in 1992.

Debusman said 55 quartets throughout North America tried to qualify for the 24 spots available. Quartets from Indiana State University, Bowling Green University, Brigham Young University, and a quartet from New Zealand made it to the competition.

The Preliminary competitions started in March and lasted through May. The quartets were competing for the honor of being crowned champions as well as a \$4,000 cash prize for the winning quartet.

"The caliber of the quartets has continued to get greater," Debusman said. "It's truly a marvel to see."

Millennium had the highest score from qualifying competition with a couple of quartets close on its heels. Experience may have helped the Northwest quartet. They have put in up to five hours a week of rehearsal time this summer heading into the competition.

Wohlers has been singing in a quartet off and on since the seventh grade and started a quartet with Libsack their freshman year of high school in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Libsack moved to Minneapolis his sophomore year in high school and sang in a top barbershop chorus for four years.

"It took numerous hours of hard work," Libsack said. "It was the greatest barbershop experience I've ever had."

Tapp competed at the college quartet competition in 1997 in another quartet from Northwest and finished in fourth place.

Woodward sang in a quartet for nine months early in his college career for fun. The quartet performed around the Maryville area and entertained many people.

"I honestly thought we didn't win," Woodward said. "There were so many great quartets. Singing for 10,000 people Saturday night was the coolest thing I've ever done."

Millennium has been together since September 1998 and competed in the college quartet contest last summer with a substitute tenor, taking third place.

If experience wasn't enough they had a large following on hand for the competition. The quartet was glad to see so many friends and family there.

"I was amazed to see all the people from Northwest there to cheer us on," Woodward said.

"You don't want to let down the people who are cheering you on," said Tapp. "It was nice to finally do this for them."

The quartet sang "The Boy I Used To Be" and "I'm Beginning To See The Light," scoring 884 points, winning by a margin of 25 points.

"It was exciting," Tapp said. "To finally get something that we have worked so hard for."

High schoolers invade library

By STACY YOUNG
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Owens Library has been bombarded with groups of giggling teens as they play computer games and chat on-line, while sometimes disrupting many summer school students.

Northwest plays host to many teenagers during the summer as several sports and academic camps are conducted.

"It's just annoying when they're loud and obnoxious, and talking and stuff when they're on the computers," Kurtis Drake said. "But the fact that they use them doesn't bother me."

finding it more difficult to concentrate, but they are finding it harder to get on computers in the library so they may type class assignments and complete research projects.

"Campers are distracting," Teresa Feick said. "We pay a lot more money than they do to use these computers, so we should have priority here."

Some camp programs have established rules to limit the availability of computer access to their campers. Those attending music and band camps are not permitted in the library.

"They say it's for safety reasons," said Kara Penniston, 13-year-old music camp attendee.

Other summer programs, such as Upward Bound, an advanced academic program for high school students, conduct supervised computer sessions which adhere to all of Northwest's computer use policies.

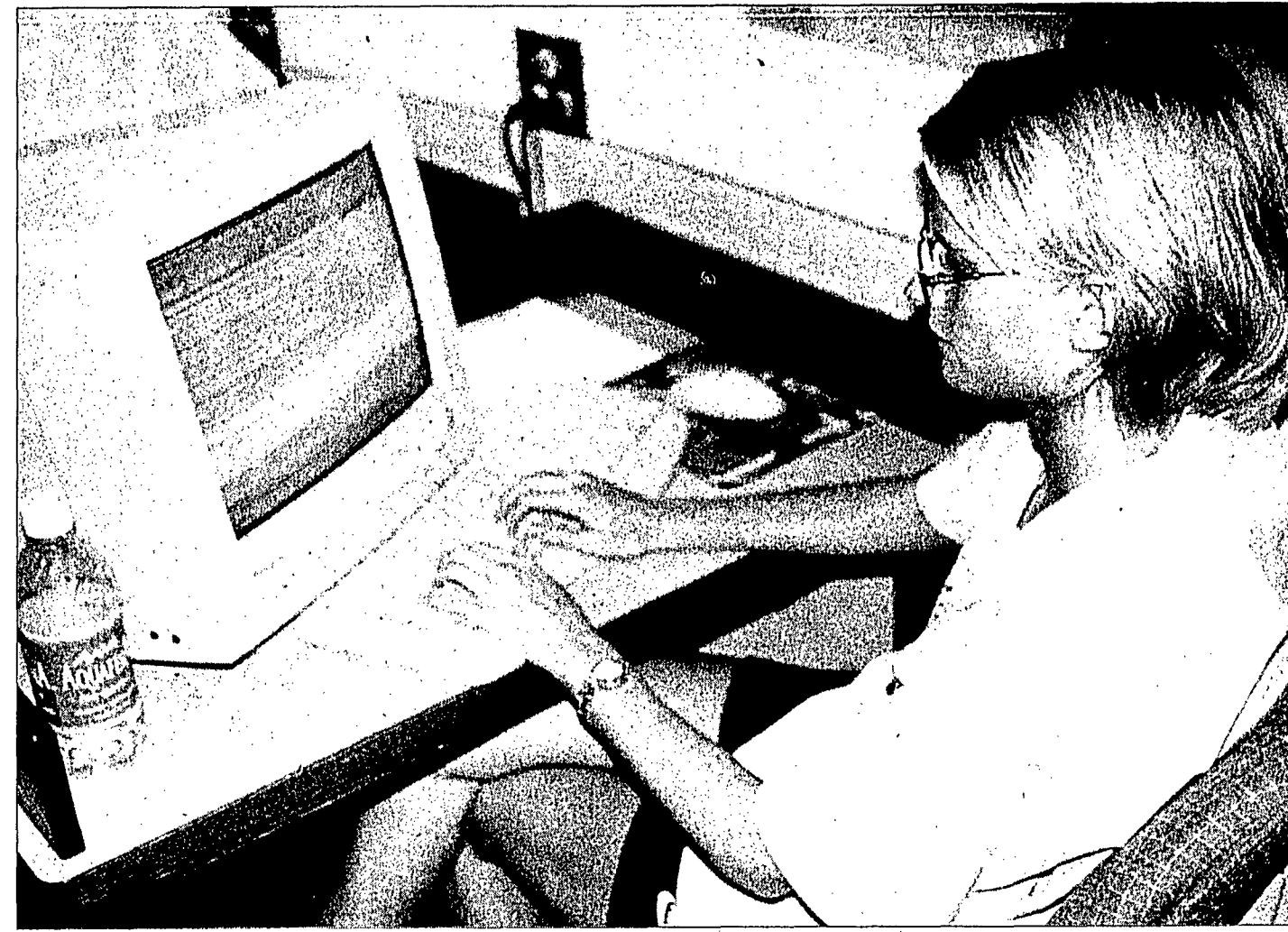
"We don't encourage or support anything except for information getting," Basil Lister, Upward Bound director, said.

Besides occasional noise disturbances, library workers do not feel the teens are causing any major problems.

Summer students are not only

"Sometimes they are a little louder than they should be. But there's never been a problem that we haven't seen with our regular population."

MERLIN MILLER
MANAGER OF ACADEMIC COMPUTING



Angie Stephenson concentrates as she works in the Owens Library computer lab. Stephenson said she did not feel that high school students were very distracting.

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who are most concerned.

For many students who live off campus, the library is their only Internet link.

"If they have computer access in their dorm rooms or where they're staying, they don't need to take up

our computers in the library," Northwest junior Kelly Daniels said.

The library hasn't received any formal complaints. Todd said as a library is meant to allow students a learning environment, they don't want to restrict anyone.

Stadium making progress

By KERRI COFFMAN
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Construction continues at Rickenbrode Stadium this summer while donations are still being sought to pay for the project's completion.

Plans for the stadium are divided into two parts: the east and west sides. The east, student section, is expected to be finished within six weeks.

Cost for the east side is \$3 million, funded through student fees. The plan includes restrooms and concession areas. The bleacher area is expected to double occupancy compared with last year.

"It will be the nicest visitor accommodation in the MIAA conference," said Lance Burchett, vice president for University advancement.

There will also be a new entry on the southeast corner of the field.

The stadium's west side requires \$5 million for completion. The plans for the west side are to increase the seating to 4,000. It will also feature privately-leased sky boxes, green chair-back seats and priority seating. The plan also includes a new press box.

There will also be a stadium club for food and soft drinks. A souvenir shop will be available for purchasing of Bearcat apparel.

The team and visitor locker rooms, and a classroom, will also be included in the development of the west side.

The Alumni Foundation hopes people will be enticed by the plans to contribute so the project may be completed.

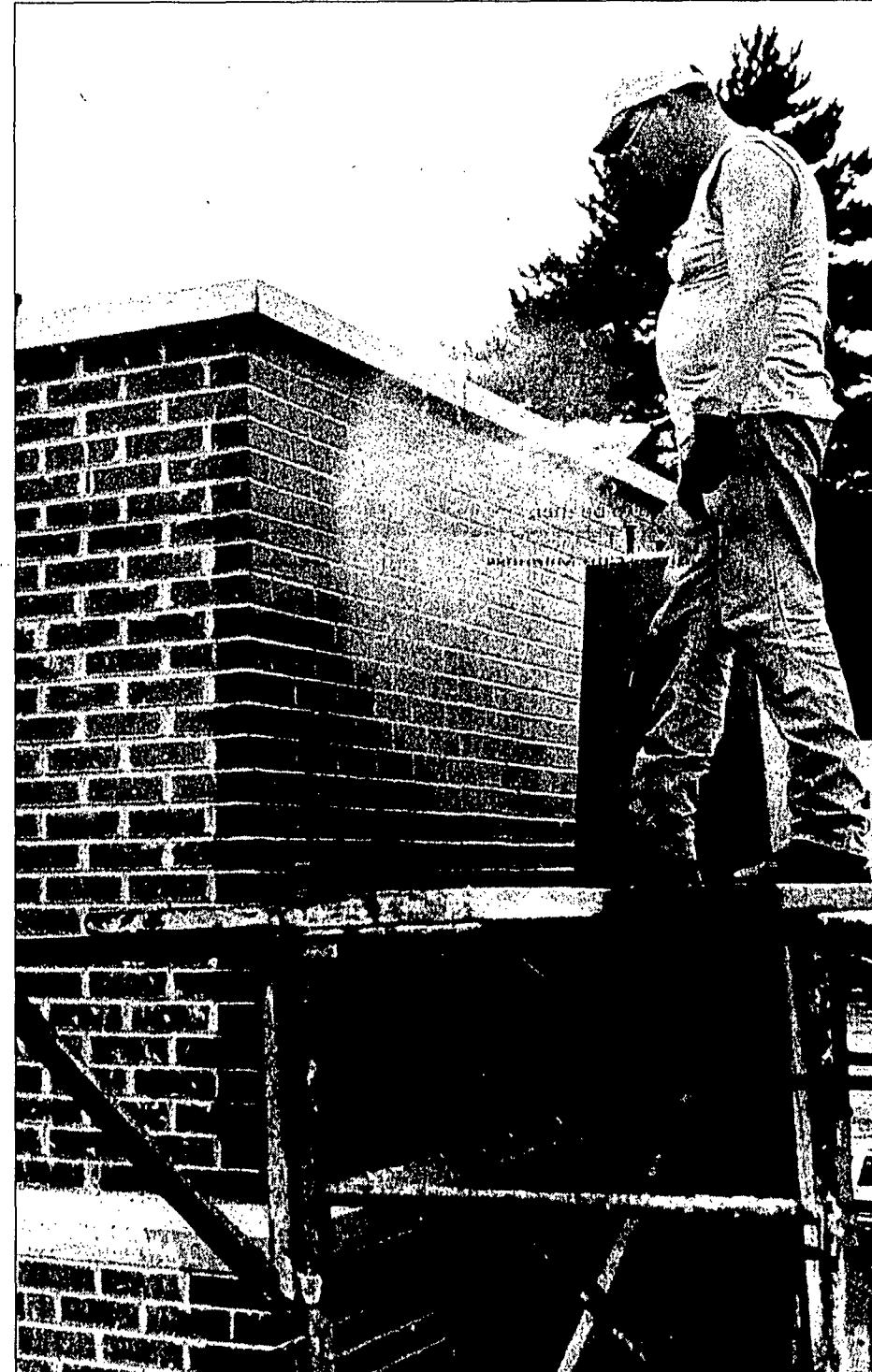
"What we need now is a lead gift for \$2 million to kick off the project," Burchett said.

Burchett said the goal is to have at least \$3.5 million committed by May 2001 so the stadium can be ready for the 2002 season.

"This is the first capital campaign that has asked for over a six-figure gift," he said.

Football players anticipate the new stadium will bring added excitement from alumni and fans.

"It will definitely give us a competitive advantage with the attendance and a louder crowd," offensive lineman Curt Lessman said. "It will also help the football program with recruitment and creat-



Steve Bliley sprays down the partially completed ticket booth in front of Rickenbrode Stadium. Bliley rinsed the excess mortar from the building and attempted to keep it cool with the high temperatures each day. The cost for east side renovations is going to be \$3 million, funded through student fees and the west side is going to cost \$5 million. The student side is expected to be finished within six weeks.

ing a better atmosphere."

Other team members agree that the new arena will bring in more crowd support.

"The attraction will definitely generate more fans," cornerback Frank Taylor said.

"The more energy that the fans have, the more energy we will have."

"The alumni are very good about bringing in a lot of support for the football team. I think they will be able to do this successfully."

"It's good," said Kristy Chu, junior com-

Campers plan future

Northwest high school camps developing more each year

By MATT ELFRITS
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Northwest's music department is making a difference in the lives of future musicians and teachers.

For the last 20 years, Richard Weymuth has been the director of a music camp which is comprised of vocalists and instrumentalists from a four-state area.

When Weymuth took over the camp, he said there were only 180 students spread out over a two-week camp period. Now camp is split up over three weeks and more than 900 students take part.

The staff has been one of the reasons for the camp's success, Weymuth said. Approximately 95 percent of the 125 staff members are Northwest graduates which helps, he said.

"They are the backbone and the heart of the camp," Weymuth said. "I have seen thousands of kids who have gone to camp many years and then chosen Northwest as the school of their choice."

Chris Drogemueler was a camper his junior and senior years in high school. After his high school graduation he attended Northwest and now teaches music at Chillicothe High School.

"I don't think I would be the music educator that I am today without music camp," Drogemueler said.

He was also a counselor throughout college and like other Northwest music students, returned to teach. He said that having been a camper in the past helps him in knowing what the campers need.

"Energy is contagious," Drogemueler said. "Whatever you give the kids is what you're going to get back."

The campers start their day at 6 a.m. and classes begin at 7:45 a.m. and end at 4:40 p.m. The classes are divided into eight periods and the campers get two free periods unless they choose to have classes all day.

Every evening, there is a different activity to give campers a chance to relax and have fun.

"It's a great experience," second-year camper Molly Howell said. "You get to meet a lot of people and learn new ideas. It's different than everyday life. We all want to be here."

First-year camper Sarah Jacobson said she attended music camp to "become a better musician and see what it's like to be taught by several teachers instead of just one."

Chris Lakin and Kyle Martin, both second-year campers, recalled a memorable experience with the counselors in their first year at music camp.

"When the counselors came by to make sure we were in our rooms, they soaked us with water guns," Lakin said. "It was fun."

Computer labs see upgrade

By SHOKO ISHIMOTO
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Students will have more opportunities to use computers as lab stations will be expanded for the fall trimester.

Phillip Heeler, professor of Computer Science/Information Systems, said Colden Hall will have a lab station to facilitate students learning to use software. The other benefit allows programming classes to have different rooms, which will have new computers in 1350 and 1400. This will allow one computer per student instead of two people sharing a computer.

"This will be helpful for students," Heeler said. "Some students have expressed a desire to take the online class of computer in their rooms. They learn something, but they lose the instruction without a teacher."

For those students, the expansion is useful because it increases access, benefits for classes and modern equipment with teachers' instruction. This affects computer science majors especially.

"It's good," said Kristy Chu, junior com-

puter science major. "I need a long time to complete programming assignments. If there are more computers for us, I can spend more time for the assignments instead of waiting for somebody leaving a lab room."

The other expansion will be in Brown Hall. This will be under the direction of Linda Heeler, professor of curriculum and instruction.

Fourteen stations will be equipped for every sixth-level student at Horace Mann in one half of Brown Hall 145. The other side of the room will have one computer for every two fifth-level students.

She said two white boards will change into electronic boards, which are called "smart boards" enabling students to draw on the boards with their fingers.

This also helps the college of education use advanced equipment for their studies. She said multimedia could make good use of the boards for presentation.

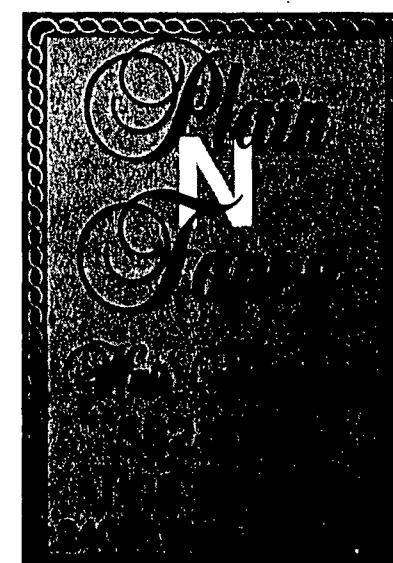
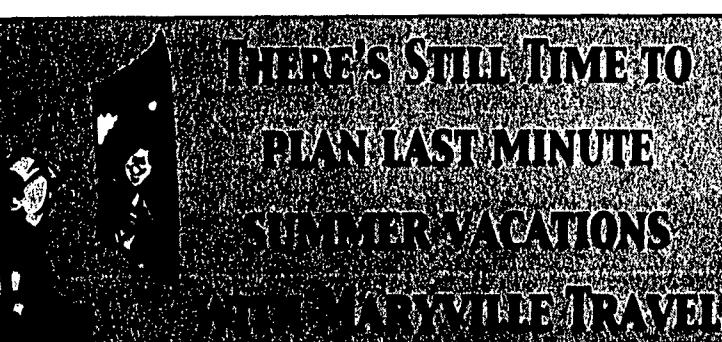
"It's amazing to put the technology into the curriculum," she said. "Businesses use such advanced technologies, and it's good to learn the high level of learning early."

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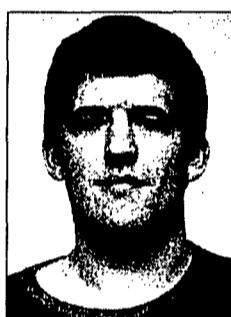
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MY VIEW

Development of band builds listener's loyalty



JOHN PETROVIC

PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Since the 1995 release of their album, *Receiving The Gift Of Flavor*, the St. Louis-based band The Urge has been busy touring nonstop across the country mesmerizing audiences with their highly energetic shows that are second to none.

They are a blend of metal, punk, reggae, funk and ska which gives out a very infectious vibe to their fans including myself. The members in the band have changed over the years, but currently the line-up includes trombonist Matt Kwiatkowski, saxophonist Bill Reiter, drummer John Pessoni, guitarist Jerry Jost, bassist Karl Grable and vocalist front man (King) Steve Ewing.

When my brother first turned me onto the band in 1996 at a small club in Kansas City, I was hooked. I have seen them so many times, after the 15th I lost count. Some people say that would be too much, but I just say I can never get tired of something so good.

One of my favorite memories of seeing them live was at Spirit Fest '96 in Kansas City. After seeing them put on a great live show once again (and move around so much that they broke the stage I heard later on), I caught them sitting around and was able to get a poster signed by the band. What I realized after that is they are a bunch of great guys who don't mind spending some of their time talking to their fans.

Another memory was when I saw two of their four Christmas shows a few years ago in St. Louis. The shows in their home town were unbelievable. They are really exciting to see in a small venue because it feels so intimate and up close. They interact with the crowd and they make you really feel like one of them.

When they signed with Immortal/Virgin Records in 1996, people were afraid they would forget their roots and sellout. But just the opposite has happened. They have never forgotten where they came from or their fans.

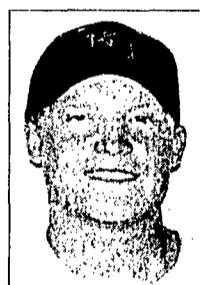
On July 18 they are coming out with their third major-label album, *Too Much Stereo*. It is said to be their strongest yet, the tracks work well as an album and that much of the credit belongs to producer Cliff Magness from Los Angeles. I have heard the new album from a friendly thing called Napster and really enjoy it. Some fans might say it sounds different than what they are used to and that's what I think too, but I am glad. It means they are evolving as a band and will continue to do so down the road.

So what I have to say to all you fans of that pop crap is change your ways and start to receive the flavor of The Urge. Go out on July 18 and buy a copy of their new album and get hooked like I did.

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YOUR VIEW

Do you agree with Roy Williams' decision to stay with Kansas State University's athletics program? Why?



"I think it's a good decision because Kansas has one of the best basketball traditions and Roy Williams will always be a part of that."

Brad Peterson
Computer Management
Systems major



"Go K-State!"
Kellie Pierson
Kansas State University
student

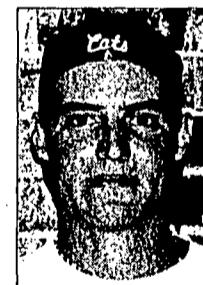


"I agree with him if he's happy. But if he would have left, I would understand because it was his hometown. I hope he didn't stay because of the pressure."

Lesley Archer
Therapeutic Recreation major



"I think it's good so Missouri can beat KU and Roy."
Sonny Scadden
Maryville resident



"It's probably easier for him to stay there because he has an established program and has no pressure to win."
Tim Mooney
Maryville resident

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OUR VIEW

Voter turnout down

Deadline for primary election passed leaving voters one more opportunity to register this term

The time to vote is quickly approaching and once again *The Missourian's* coverage of the elections will pick up pace.

The deadline for registration for the primary election was Wednesday with a vote to be taken Aug. 8.

In the past four years, Maryville's voter registration has increased with the exception of 1998's numbers.

At the time of the '98 election, Maryville had a registered total of 12,620 potential voters. However, two years earlier, in the 1996 election, area residents turned in a total of 13,500 registrars, a difference of 880.

Hopefully, most Nodaway County residents managed to register in time to vote in the primary. *The Missourian* would like to see the area turn in as many ballots as we did in 1996, which ended a continual increase year to year for at least three or four years.

If you haven't registered to vote in the primary it is too late. However, the general election is also just around the corner with a registration deadline of Oct. 11.

While the primary was not necessarily a last chance, the general election, which takes place Nov. 7, definitely is.

The Missourian knows how important your vote is to the community. Each and every resident of Maryville and surrounding communities has the right to take part in the election process. And in order to ensure a fair turnout, the community needs as many votes as possible.

There are many aspects of our community that are affected and that have been affected by voting. Maryville's 1 percent unemployment rate in a community with a workforce of almost 13,000 is a direct result of what people have voted to support. A relatively low sales tax of 6.85 percent is another consideration that might be a motivator to get to the polls.

Whatever it is that might convince you to vote for local, state and national officials you can be assured it is more than enough to make a difference in the community. So if you are registered for the primary don't forget the date — Aug. 8 — and if you are intending to vote in the general election remember to register before Oct. 11.

MY VIEW

Long awaited college life-style not as good as once imagined



JOSH FLAHARTY

COPY EDITOR

It's funny how life works, how the things you've waited so long for suddenly aren't what you wanted at all.

Take me for instance. When I was growing up I couldn't wait to get out of the house. I couldn't stand my brothers. We fought constantly. Not just the "say mean things" fights. I'm talking walk-up to the your brother and hit him in the head with a cap gun for something he did to your Lego creation two days previous. (When you're young it takes longer to come up with revenge tactics. Give me a break.)

And then there are my parents. God, did I have it rough when I was younger. Midnight curfews, call when you get there, let me know what you're doing — the list could go on forever.

I thought life would be so great when I was on my own. I could stay out as late as I want. Wouldn't have to let anyone know where I was or what I was doing. And, of course, no pesky brothers nosing around in my stuff and being just plain aggravating.

But recently my views on life have changed. Now that I'm on my own, it doesn't seem as great as I thought it would be.

Don't get me wrong, I like living on my own, and now that I have, I probably wouldn't want to go back. But I do miss some of it.

Being away at college for months at a time just plain sucks. I miss my brothers. I miss my pets. I really miss my parents and my grandma.

But I think what bothers me the most is the fact that I am missing my nice and nephew growing up.

Zachery, my stud, who used to cry like crazy whenever I left to come back to school, is now almost three and a half. He's all grown up and I missed most of it. And Kaeligh is going through the "terrible twos" and is a complete "joy" to be around every time I go home. I know I'm not missing much there, but, she's still a sweet little girl every once in a while.

That's why I didn't even have to think twice when my younger brother called me last week. He wanted me to go to Worlds of Fun for a day. I jumped at the chance to spend some time with the brother that I couldn't even stand two years ago.

I guess now I can see what's really important in life.

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Clinton's bill limits campaign advertising

By BRIEANNE PORTER
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M U.) COLUMNIST

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Informed voters have one more tool in their arsenal of knowledge about political candidates and political action committees (PACs).

A bill signed into law on July 1 by President Clinton ended the ability for PACs to run television, newspaper and radio advertisements without disclosing the source of the money for the advertisements.

Traditionally, PACs have not been considered to contribute to electioneering, and therefore they did not have to report how they were spending their funds and where they obtained those funds.

However, many of these groups

produce mudslinging propaganda-type commercials about candidates. With the new law, PACs that have more than \$25,000 in expense receipts will have to offer their financial records to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) four times a year.

The law calls for the disclosure when the individual donations to the group are over \$200 or the group spends more than \$500 on campaign-related issues. By setting the bar so low, the law will affect almost every PAC.

The new law also stipulates that a PAC must notify the IRS within 24 hours of its formation. The new law is a promising step in the fight for campaign finance reform and the fight to educate voters on who is responsible for these mudslinging advertisements.

This law will help new voters, including college students, become more informed about which PACs support which candidates by requiring the groups to disclose to the public which groups sponsor malicious, and often damaging, advertisements.

That knowledge will allow voters to be better informed about how money they donate to PACs is spent and whether the PACs also support a candidate the voters do not. Furthermore, voters will know if a candidate they favor is gathering funds from industries or groups the voters do not support.

With this new information, voters will be able to voice their political opinions more accurately when they cast their votes in November. The new law puts the

power of information into the hands of voters and takes it from special interest groups.

Even as relative novices to politics, college students make up one of the fastest-growing percentages of American voters. The importance of college students is evident in candidates' regular appearances on programs such as MTV's "Choose or Lose."

With an increasing focus on college-age voters comes the added pressure for PACs to court the issues that affect young adults. By knowing how these groups operate, young voters can take a stand about many important issues.

This new law gives young voters an additional tool in working against the myth that college students like to party and do not care

about the issues.

By using the knowledge that is made possible by this new law, voters, including college students, can tell these groups and their backers that PACs do not control the outcome of the campaign.

This law will force candidates to take a stand on the issues that affect college-age voters such as health care reform and national defense.

Candidates will have to address topics without the hidden aid of PACs. By adding this pressure to candidates and PACs, voters will be better informed on candidates' true opinions, not propaganda pushed by the PACs.

Forcing PACs to inform the IRS and the public about their expenditures on candidates' campaigns

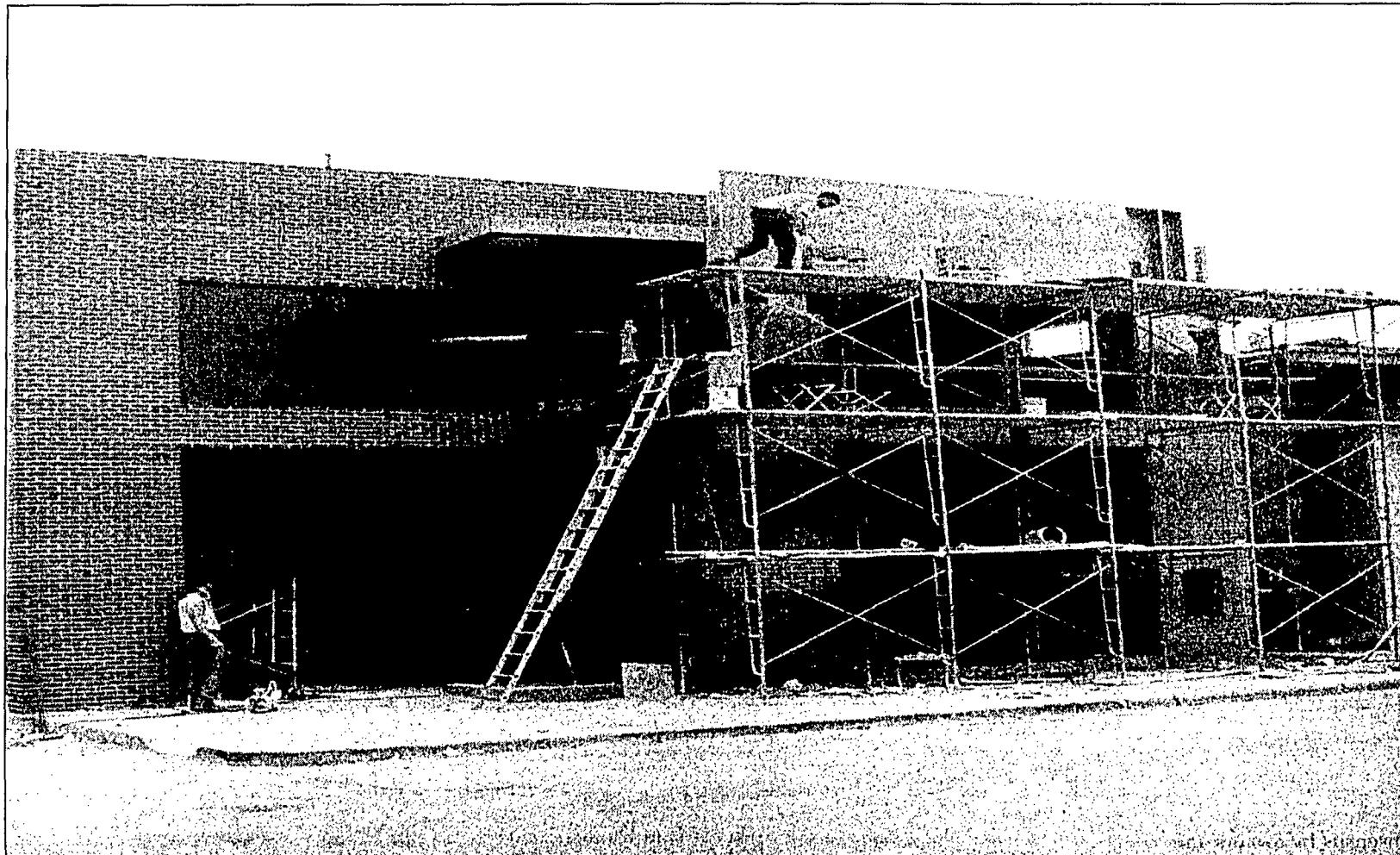
gives the voters more power in the political system. Although the new law cannot completely clean the election process in America, it is a start.

Talk of campaign finance reform has been floating around in both houses of Congress, but this law is the first of its kind in more than two decades.

The most important effect of the new law is the impact it will have at election time. If the voters use the additional knowledge made available by this law, campaign finance reform has an even better chance of becoming a reality.

With the new law in hand, voters will fill out their election ballots in November with the confidence that their decisions are more informed than ever before.

Building blocks of banking



Nodaway Valley Bank is in the process of expanding its business and it is expected to be finished by the Spring of 2001. E.L. Crawford Construction from St. Joseph is

adding space to the building which will house the business's book keeping, computer services and other offices.

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Trends of longer life require more investing for retirement

Here's the good news: With the trend toward longer life spans, you may be able to enjoy two or three decades of retirement. That means time spent with your family, traveling, pursuing your hobbies or doing whatever you choose.

Here's the bad news: You'll have to pay for all of it.

There's no doubt about it, retirement is expensive. You'll need to draw on all your economic resources, including social security, your personal investments and your company-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). You also may be contributing to an IRA. If you have a Roth IRA, your earn-

ings grow totally tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. If you have a traditional IRA, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, and, depending on your level of income, your contributions may be tax-deductible.

Obviously, an IRA is a pretty good deal. But its ultimate success depends on the investment vehicles you choose to fund it with — stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities. If you have a traditional IRA, you'll get the benefits of tax deferral, no matter what investments you select. However, some choices may appear better than others, from a tax standpoint.

For example, many people assume that it's to their advantage to put high-tax investments into their IRAs, thus reaping the maximum benefit from a tax deferral. But what are "high-tax" investments? Consider the difference between bonds and stocks. Bonds, or bond-based mutual funds, receive most of their returns in the form of income — and ordinary income tax rates can be as high as 39.6 percent. On the other hand, stocks, and stock-based mutual funds, get most of their return from capital appreciation — and long-term capital gains are taxed at just 20 percent.

Initially, you might think that it's

a better idea to put the higher-tax investments — bonds and bond funds — in your IRA, and leave the more "tax-efficient" investments — stocks and stock funds — in your regular account. After all, when you put stocks in an IRA, any withdrawals you make will be subject to your ordinary income tax rate, which, even in retirement, may

be substantially higher than the capital gains rate. So, why "throw away" the tax efficiency of stocks by sticking them in your IRA?

The answer can be found in one word: growth. You'll want your IRA to grow as much as possible for retirement. To achieve the

greatest possible capital appreciation potential, you will need some exposure to stocks, which historically have outperformed all other

assets — corporate bonds, treasury bills, CDs, etc.

Still, there's also a place for bonds and bond funds in your IRA. Diversification is important in your retirement account, just as it is in every other part of your investment portfolio.

So, look for a good mix of stocks, bonds and other assets, make regular contributions, and try to avoid early withdrawals. By following these few simple guidelines, you'll be able to make your IRA pay off for you when it's time to retire.

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Linksters aim toward state

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Members of the Maryville High school boys' golf team are taking advantage of the summer break. While many students are soaking up the sun at the pool or enjoying family vacations, these athletes continue to work through the heat to repeat as Missouri state golf champions.

Various golf tournaments are moving athletes around the state an opportunity to stay focused and exposed to the game throughout the summer months.

Matt VanCleave, Maryville's individual state champion, has already participated in six tournaments round the area, with four more coming up. Florida is one of the locations he plans to travel to later this summer.

"Florida is the farthest tournament I will play in," VanCleave said. "My parents and I are going for five days, and over 100 players will be here. It's definitely not a bad place to play."

VanCleave is not the only member of the team that travels to these tournaments. The top four of the returning teammates participate in the events.

"Traveling together and seeing familiar faces on the golf course are some of the positive aspects of playing with teammates, VanCleave aid.

It's fun to have "friendly team rivalry," VanCleave said.

With the 'Hounds' goal to repeat as state champions in both the team and individual areas, practice is critical.

Throughout the summer,

VanCleave can be found at Mozingo Golf Course an average of seven hours a day.

He said the extra chances to be on the course and compete will be beneficial for the upcoming season. The tournaments provide an opportunity to play in a competitive atmosphere in high-pressure situations. To qualify to play in some tournaments requires certain standings.

VanCleave and his teammates qualified at the Mozingo Tournament earlier in the summer to move on to the second round. Eventually, their goal is to play at nationals. VanCleave has already qualified for the event.

Among other achievements this summer, VanCleave has won two tournaments and continues to place high in the competitions.

Despite his experience and success, these tournaments still give VanCleave butterflies.

"I get nervous before I play, I always have," VanCleave said. "That is when I play better though. I look forward to it when I get to the first tee."

This mental edge has given VanCleave an advantage over many of the players participating this summer.

The bigger tournaments play host to more than 100 participants. VanCleave enjoys the challenge.

"I love being under pressure," VanCleave said. "I look forward to being under the gun."

VanCleave and his teammates will continue to improve their game as they travel to Columbia July 17 and 18 for their next summer tournament.



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Sophomore Brian Prokes watches hoping his putt on the 11th green at Mozingo Lake Golf Course sinks during a match last season. The golfers are currently working during the off season in aim to repeat as state champions next season. The golfers take part in various summer tournaments which help with all aspects of their game, putting, driving, iron play and mental challenges.

MHS in search of 12 coaches

'Hounds filling head and assistant positions

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Maryville High School's athletic programs will be welcoming new members this upcoming school year as the vacancies in coaching positions are being filled.

The 12 openings for head and assistant coaches involve most of Maryville's athletic teams, said Ron Landherr, Maryville High School principal.

Head coaching positions that had opened up this summer included soccer, cross country and boys' and girls' tennis.

Boys' and girls' track squads were looking to find head coaches as well.

All but three head coaching positions have been filled. Boy's soccer, tennis and cross country teams are still in the process of hiring. With these teams participating in the fast approaching fall season, filling these openings has become one of the top priorities, Landherr said.

The remaining assistant coaches have recently been hired. Both boys' and girls' track, soccer and basketball teams have found new assistants, as well as two new faces for football. Volleyball will also have a new assistant coach.

Landherr said having this many openings is unusual.

"Many coaches have retired or left the district," Landherr said. "With the implementation of the new sports (soccer and softball) last year, we employed some coaches who graduated leaving openings there as well."

One graduate assistant and a

graduate resident have received their master's degrees and are moving on, Landherr said.

Finding suitable candidates to replace those that have moved or graduated is the school's goal.

"We are looking for people with experience in coaching, as well as playing experience in their particular sport," Landherr said. "A background check in the area they will teach is also done."

To be eligible to be an assistant coach, college students must meet the minimum requirement of 60 hours of credit from a college or university.

Applying for a head coaching position has stricter requirements. Potential coaches must be employed by the school, and the responsibility of teaching can sometimes decrease the number of applications.

The lack of response in the remaining three head coach positions could be the result of this requirement, Landherr said.

A committee involving the principal, assistant principal and athletic director determine who the suitable candidates are to fill the positions.

There is no specific deadline set in hiring the remaining head coach positions, but those in the athletic department are trying to stay positive.

"Mr. Landherr does a good job in making sure that the positions get filled," said Chuck Litteras, head football coach. "He has a very large task in making sure we have quality teachers and quality coaches here at Maryville."

Interleague play becomes a 'bore'?

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

When Major League Baseball began interleague play in 1998 the general consensus by owners and managers was the problems of getting fans to attend games would be easily solved.

Things seemed to work out well during the '98 season, but as the years have gone by there have been difficulties, Kansas City Royals manager Tony Muser said.

"I wouldn't say the problems have been caused by the lack of competitive play, but more of a lack of competitive way of scheduling," Muser said.

Muser is addressing how teams like the Royals play the same National League teams every year which has become somewhat of a bore for fans.

"I personally don't mind playing a team like Pittsburgh or Houston because it gives us the ability to see how prepared we are now and what we need to do in the future if we get the opportunity to play the (National League's) elite," Muser said.

Renewing the cross-state rivalry with the St. Louis Cardinals has been exciting for Royals fans, but

other than that there seems to be disappointment in the quality of the other teams Kansas City plays, first baseman Dave McCarty said.

The only team the Royals play on the NL side that has a winning record is the Cardinals, but there have been problems with handling the interleague games, going 6-6 before the All-Star break.

"It comes down to where we need to step up against the teams in the National League to show how we can take on the competition, but that is something that is not happening for us," first baseman Dave McCarty said. "The problem is not how bad the records are with these opponents, but with the fact that we need to build strong rivalry against some of these teams just like the one we have with St. Louis."

Besides St. Louis there is one team Kansas City has built a competitive matchup with — the Chicago Cubs — who the Royals will play host to Sunday through Tuesday for the last interleague series of the year.

"The last time we hosted the Cubs all three games were sold out because of those who respect both teams," Muser said. "We were able

to win that series even though it didn't help us that much record-wise, but we did win respect from those guys."

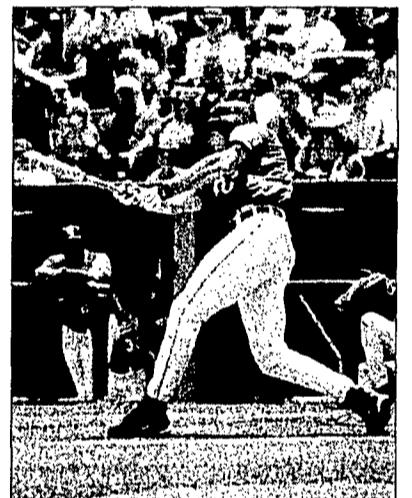
Muser said if Kansas City can start off the second half of the season Thursday winning the last two interleague series against the Milwaukee Brewers and the Cubs things should turn out to be positive.

The only thing that is upsetting is the inability to lead this ball club to a .500 record or better before the All-Star break, Muser said.

Even with the hostile play before the All-Star break, losing seven of their last nine games, and losing a series to the Houston Astros, who have been a disappointing team starting the year in last place in its conference, players are still positive in what they can do to keep ahead this season.

"We may have lost games where we shouldn't have, but one thing that is promising is how this team is maturing with each game especially with playing teams that play in the National League," McCarty said.

"Even though most of those teams are struggling too, we are at



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All-Star first baseman Mike Sweeney takes his chances at an at bat earlier in the season against the Detroit Tigers. Sweeney and the rest of the Royals team will continue play on Thursday at home.

least getting to go up against some top quality athletes like (Houston's) Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio, (St. Louis's) Mark McGwire, (Chicago's) Sammy Sosa and (Pittsburgh's) Jason Kendall and Brian Giles."

Catching summer fun



JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Eleven-year-old Ian Alumbaugh reaches for a grounder Monday during his Maryville Parks and Recreation Little League game at Beal Park. The Student Body team, for which Ian plays, lost its game 12-13 to Snyder Dentistry. Coach and umpire Kenny Kiser said the summer baseball league consists of three different leagues with three four teams each. The teams play about two to three games a week.

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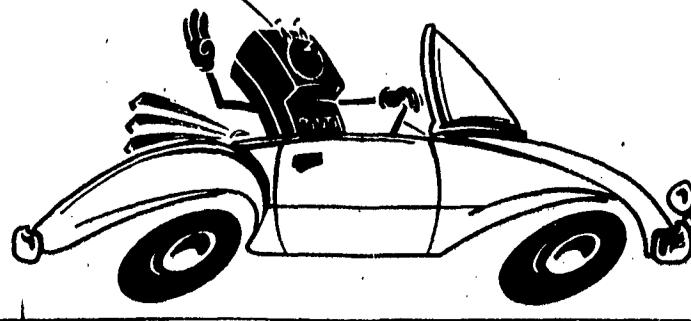
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Your Man praises local business

Let's take a brief moment and highlight something other than the University. Your Man doesn't think it's fair to pick on just the University, so here's a topic to consider in Maryville: business mis-management.

Owning a business here in Bearcat Country can be a challenge if your one of them 'local yokels' that you might hear about from time to time. They don't have the national name to rely on, or a set image that the regional and national companies have spent years working on. Instead the local businesses have to work their tail ends off just to make you take notice.

With that in mind, Your Man would like to point out a few businesses that should consider just exactly what they're doing and why. Remember the point of this message ... business mis-management.

Good example: Wal-Mart! Yes, the shopping center that offers you a job, works you until their grand opening sales rush is done and then says "Good-bye." Plus, what was wrong with the old building that is going to waste now? You know, building on to the existing place might have saved you a couple million dollars. Just an



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idea.

Sure you might save us poor heathens a few dollars here and there, but when a few more businesses close because of your tactics, and you can't hire their employees, we all might be up a certain creek without paddles. Thanks, I'll take my grocery shopping somewhere else.

Your Man is a movie lover and now has two choices of theaters in town, oh joy. 1) A new movie theater with all of the pizzazz of larger city theaters, but with one slight fault: if you advertise to show a movie at one time, then e-mail people a different time, and then actually show it at a completely different time, things can get confusing and upsetting. Ever

heard of communication? 2) You have the other theater that most people have forgotten about. You know, the theater that has needed renovations since the late 50's, but just kept taking us for granted, and then decided to do something when they heard that competition was coming in. Here are two words for you. Buh-Bye. Now, don't get me wrong, you all have done a pretty good job keeping up to speed, but Your Man wouldn't feel too secure working there, that's for sure.

On the flipside of this whole issue is the owner up at Movie Magic. A person that has done everything for this community and still doesn't have the respect that she deserves to do better in this town. She may not have 20 of the newest movies in stock, but it's more personal and, Your Man's favorite, late fees are just a buck!

So the next time you rent a movie, grab groceries, or whatever it is that Your Man doesn't want to hear about, try and do it locally. Most of them typically support you. Give some back and see what happens.

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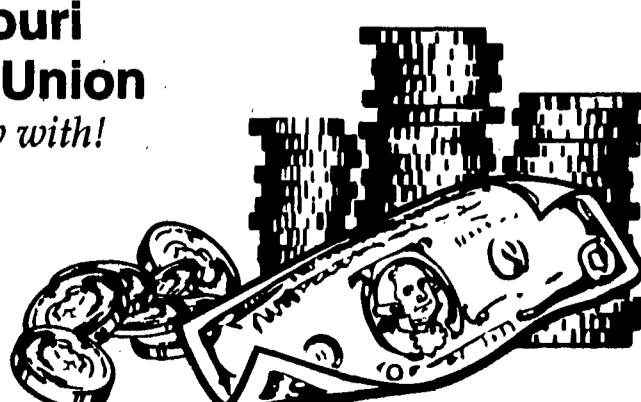
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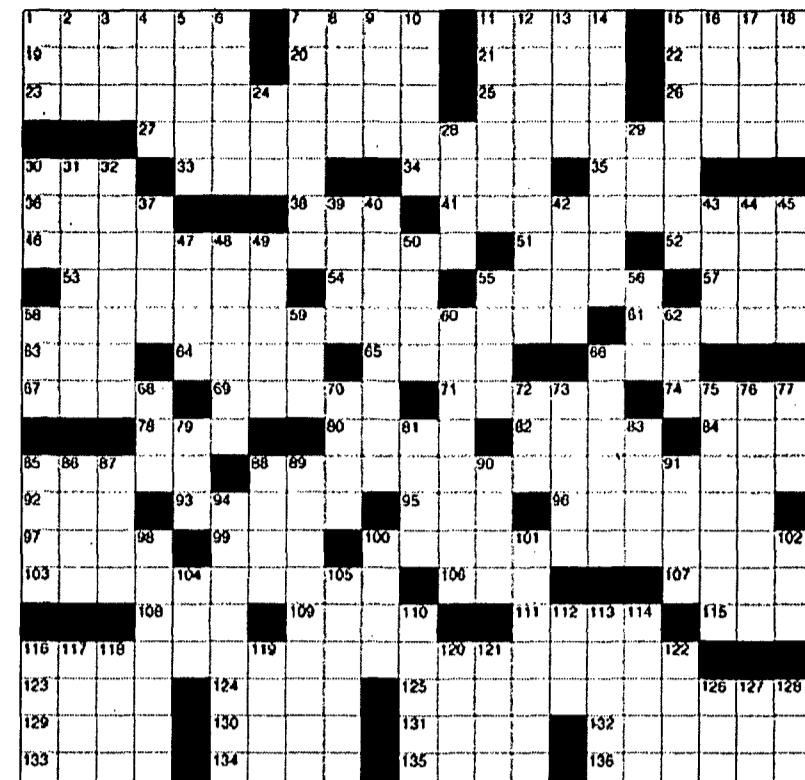
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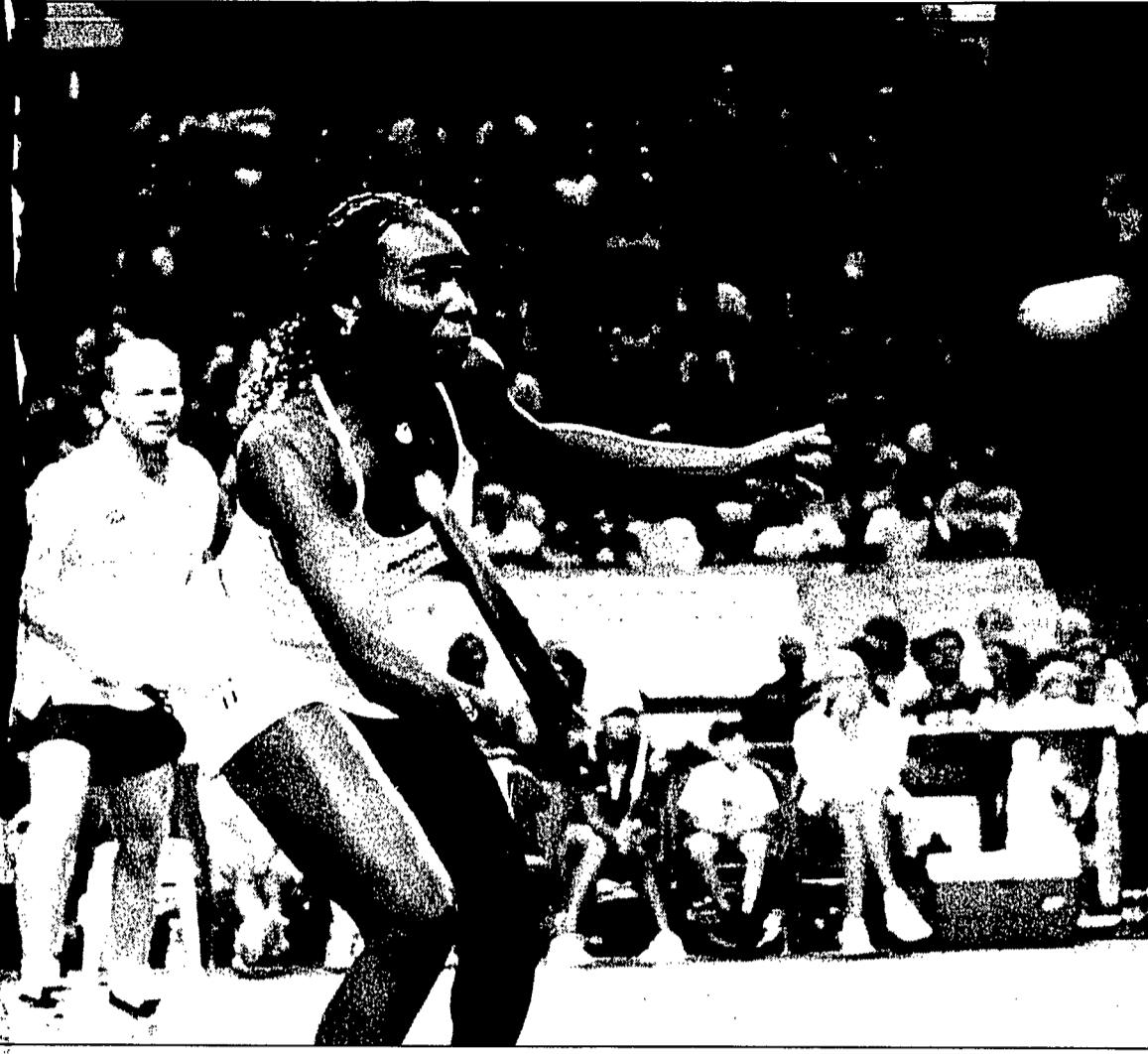
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Williams volleys the ball back to the side of the Kansas City Explorers during her doubles match Sunday at Kemper. Williams the recently crowned 2000 Wimbledon champion, played to a large and loud crowd winning each match she participated in at the event.

Vimbeldon champ visits Kemper Arena

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Kemper Arena felt the presence of tennis superstar Venus Williams in her intimidating 6'1" stature on the court for the St. Louis Aces today in their match against the Kansas City Explorers. Williams, the 2000 Wimbledon champion, had a hand in winning all sets for the Aces in its 16-24 victory.

Even Explorers fans in attendance cheered for the St. Louis rising star as she took her place on the court. Her appearance nearly doubled the attendance to 4,402, though she has not gained her support, but enjoyed the game of tennis. "I think when I came out, and she came out, we started playing much better tennis, everybody was starting to raise the level of their game," Williams said. "People were trying to get stronger and people suddenly started to try hitting big first serves. Before I was the only one hitting a big serve, and I changed a lot of it I think."

Williams' powerful play helped the Aces to capture the win over the Explorers. After the final point ended, the Aces win was almost certain. The coed doubles play looked positive for the Explorers when they jumped to a 12 lead in the opening set. The

Explorers line-up of Alistair Hunt and Holly Parkinson won the first match 4-1.

The Explorers would soon lose the upper hand in the following matches. Big serving and powerful returns by Williams and Michael Joyce proved to be the difference for the Aces. This duo rallied and grabbed the victory, with a score of 5-2 after the first set of play.

The momentum of Williams' win in the coed doubles continued to carry over in her singles match against Jenny Hopkins.

The force of Williams' hits could be heard slicing through the air even from the stands, and her serves proved to be too much for Hopkins.

After Hopkins stole one game from Williams with her hustle and effort Williams quickly answered with a 4-0 win that ended the play with a score of 8-3 in favor of the Aces.

Williams' final court appearance

came with the women's doubles matchup. The Explorers' duo of Parkinson and Hopkins showed no signs of being intimidated by the Aces' Williams and Nana Miyagi.

Despite the hustle from the Aces,

the Explorers' sideline shot placements gave them the win. Hard hitting volleys showed both teams' talent, but Miyagi's serving and net play combined with Williams' power returns ended the set to seal an Aces victory.

The Explorers' men's doubles team made one last attempt to come back with Hunt and Jeff Coetzee four overtime victories against the Aces' Joyce and Jason Cook.

The rally ended with Cook's ace serves, and the Aces took home the final win.

The Explorers will take the courts at 7:05 p.m. July 28, when they play host to the Sacramento Capitals at Kemper Arena.

(Tennis Players) started trying to get stronger and people suddenly started to try hitting big first serves. Before I was the only one hitting a big serve, and I changed a lot of it I think."

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Youths to visit nationals

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville area was represented well Saturday at the Show-Me State Games in Columbia. Among the 16 local youth wrestlers who came home with top placings were three national qualifiers.

Since June 5, the grapplers have devoted their Wednesday nights to perfecting their wrestling moves and preparing for the games.

The endless hours of hard work paid off. Head Coach Joe Drake, Assistant Coach Travis Rasmussen and Cody Gillenwater qualified for the State Games of America, which will be conducted in St. Louis in August 2001.

In order to qualify and continue on, wrestlers must place in the top three at the games for two consecutive years. Rasmussen participated in the 18-and-older division placing third to qualify. Helping coach for the past three years, Rasmussen said his involvement with youth wrestling as a coach has helped him improve in the sport as well.

Drake, third place finisher in the 15-and-older division and Gillenwater with his second consecutive first-place showing at the games, are also examples of hard work paying off.

The hour and a half spent at the weekly practices is one of the reasons for success. Drilling, move repetition and live wrestling make up the majority of the practice sessions, Drake said.

The dedication to their sport goes beyond the weekly practices. Summer football, lifting, swim team and conditioning keeps over half of the boys active and in shape for wrestling.

Jason Davis, a silver medal winner in the 8-and-under division, works on his wrestling moves with his brother Jeremy, a gold medal winner in the 14-and-under group, in their swimming pool at home as



Juniors Jake Lancaster, left, and Cliff McIntosh, practice moves at Maryville High School to get ready for the Show Me State Games. In the 15-and-older group, both Lancaster and McIntosh won silver medals.

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a training exercise.

It is not unusual to find this support between the older and younger grapplers said Linda Gillenwater, Cody's mother.

"The older guys help the younger ones, and they all support one another during the matches," Gillenwater said. "At the games they were a team, even though this sport can sometimes focus on the individual. They are just a good group of boys."

For most of the wrestlers, this was their first year of competition at the games. Despite the new experience, there was nothing short of success in the three age groups they competed in.

Along with Jason Davis' placing, T.J. Lanier finished with a bronze in the 8-and-under group.

Jeremy Davis' gold in the 14-and-under division was shared with William Wiederholz and Eric Wilmarth's silver placings. Camron Hull also earned a fourth place.

Success in the 15-and-over division was found with Derek Merrill's gold and Jake Lancaster, Cliff McIntosh and Joe Henry's silver medal earnings. Steve Growcock and Brandon Hull placed fourth in the age group as well.

The determination to improve continues, and despite the summer break, the wrestlers still find themselves practicing.

Bats coming alive for Royals

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of the year all the hype concentrated on the Kansas City Royals' offense, but after a slump before the All-Star break, Royals' batters had to make a dramatic surge within the last week.

"It's been a year where the offense picked up the pitching to win games at the beginning of the season, however when the offense hit a bit of a slump before the All-Star break there wasn't much help from the pitching to win games," Royals manager Tony Muser said.

After the All-Star break the Royals were ready to begin preparing for next year as the team was struggling with a 3-8 record in July, and had lost eight out of 10 games before a spark hit the team July 18 in a 12-4 win against the Chicago Cubs.

Before the victory over the Cubs got things rolling for the Royals, the team was struggling to keep ahead of the Detroit Tigers for third place in the American League Central division and were falling farther from the first place Chicago White Sox.

"We know our backs are against the wall to produce better results

than we have in past seasons, but the competition in this conference is very demanding," first baseman Mike Sweeney said. "The way the White Sox have really dominated things this year and the solid improvements by the Tigers are just several of many things that have occurred since last season.

"There was no doubt in our minds that we were going to be in for a long competitive season at the beginning of the year, but this is still a fairly young team that is working hard every day to get all of the elements in sync."

A statistic that shows how much this team relies on its offense is its 39-18 record after Sunday when scoring five or more runs in games compared to 6-34 when scoring less than five runs.

"When one or two players are on, this is a really fun offense to watch as it has been proved with our record when we score over five runs a game," Muser said. "But when players are struggling, the offense is definitely off and it shows with our record when scoring under five runs a game."

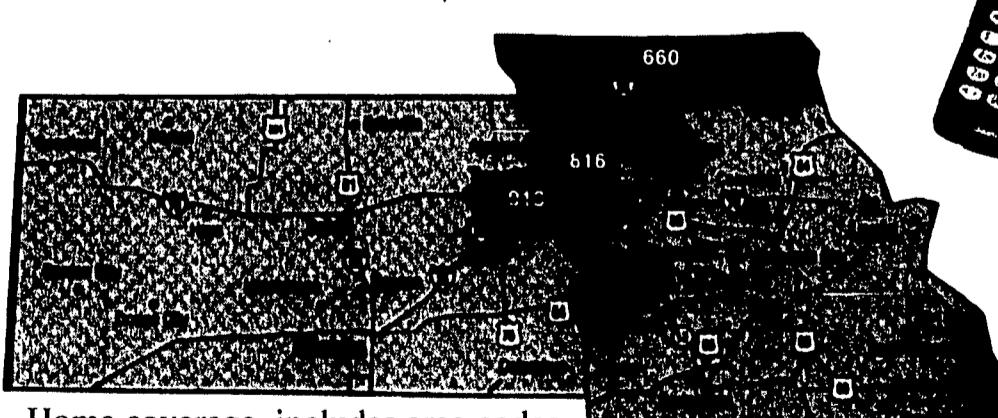
Despite the problems the Royals

have in pitching with an overall earned run average of 5.73, second to last in the majors, the batting continues to hold a steady average of 2.83, sixth in MLB.

"If you look at our offense in years past it has ranked close to the bottom in batting," Muser said. "But as we have fought continuously to keep players healthy and determined to do their best. Things are starting to pay off. And if we can keep this team intact over the next decade or so there will be a lot more positive things occurring with each season."

Even with the up and down season the Royals have experienced with both their offense and defense, there is still the confidence this team will rise when all aspects of the team are playing at their best, Sweeney said.

"I know as a team we have shown some great things for fans to cheer about and we have also done some things to make them boo," Sweeney said. "But there is a general feeling in the clubhouse that the more we learn as a team, with the mistakes and accomplishments we make day in and day out, that this team will rise to the top."



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AT YOUR LEISURE

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Stroller ends summer with bang

It's time for Your Man to become a serious column writer. Why, you might ask. This is the last paper of the summer, and Your Man didn't want you to think that he is just a complainer.

Your Man would like to say a few things to those soon-to-be college graduates. Good luck, my friends, and good-bye. You're about to take that final leap of faith and leave, not only Northwest, but Maryville for a job that many of you might not know a thing about, if you have a job lined up in the first place, which by the sound of things, you don't.

Here's a large piece of advice that Your Man wishes he had taken the first time around. Go and stop by Career Services for the love of God! They are not your enemies and will not laugh at you when you say, "Help me, please. McDonalds is actually starting to sound good." They will probably become your best friends and the greatest allies that you'll ever have gained here.

Oh, and here's another hint: You don't have to be graduating in order to stop by there. I've seen some surprisingly smart freshmen going in there and working with them. Chances are, they'll be graduating



THE STROLLER

with a dream job in hand.

If there's one thing that Your Man has learned in life, it's that there's no place like Northwest. Northwest and Maryville became my home when I first got here, and will remain so until I finally leave. Now you might have noticed that Your Man seems to have some bitterness towards the University and other certain factions around here, but when it comes down to things, Your Man has always loved Northwest, and will always have a place for it in his heart. It's a feeling that Your Man hopes you will not ignore but embrace as you walk up the ramp to receive the diploma holder and shake the hand of a man you probably have only heard rumors

about. It's amazing how the Ghost of Northwest, our esteemed president, attends such trivial things like graduation, but has never been seen at the greatest keg party you threw. How sad.

Another piece of advice that Your Man wishes to bestow upon you is this: have fun in life and don't settle for just the minimum. Go the distance and keep pushing yourself to higher grounds. Remember when you tried to push yourself to 21 shots on your 21st birthday? Even though you probably don't remember, if you could only use that energy to push yourself to another level in life, Your Man knows that you'll become a great alumnus. And hopefully you'll be rich so you can help pay for other useless attractions around here.

Your Man has enjoyed sharing his ramblings with you this summer, and hopes that you have enjoyed at least a few of them with him. Good luck in the future and remember this: Your Man is watching you, learning from you and could be the person reading this column over your shoulder right now.

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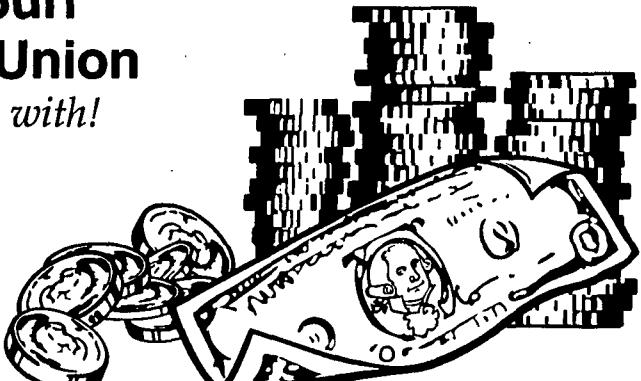
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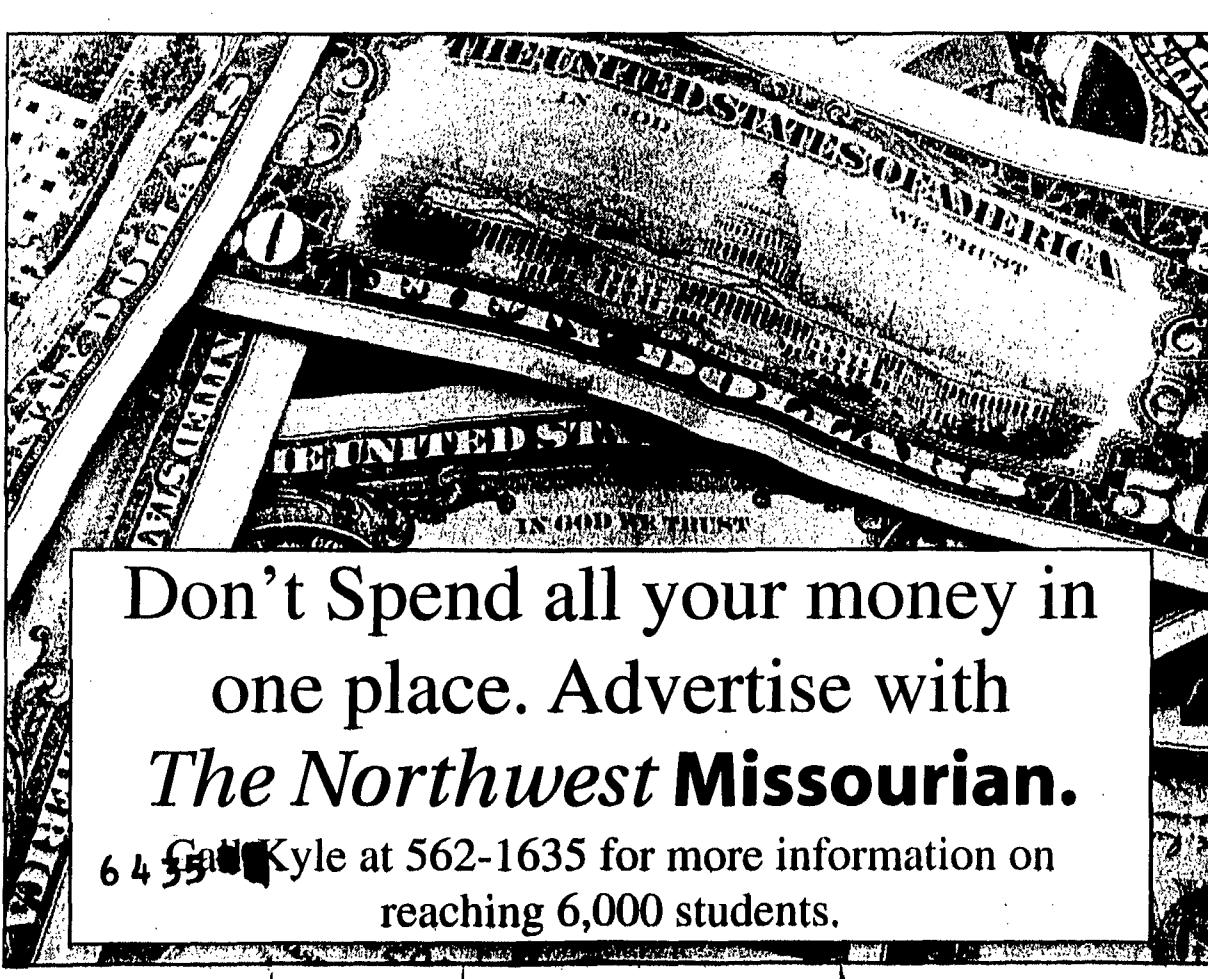
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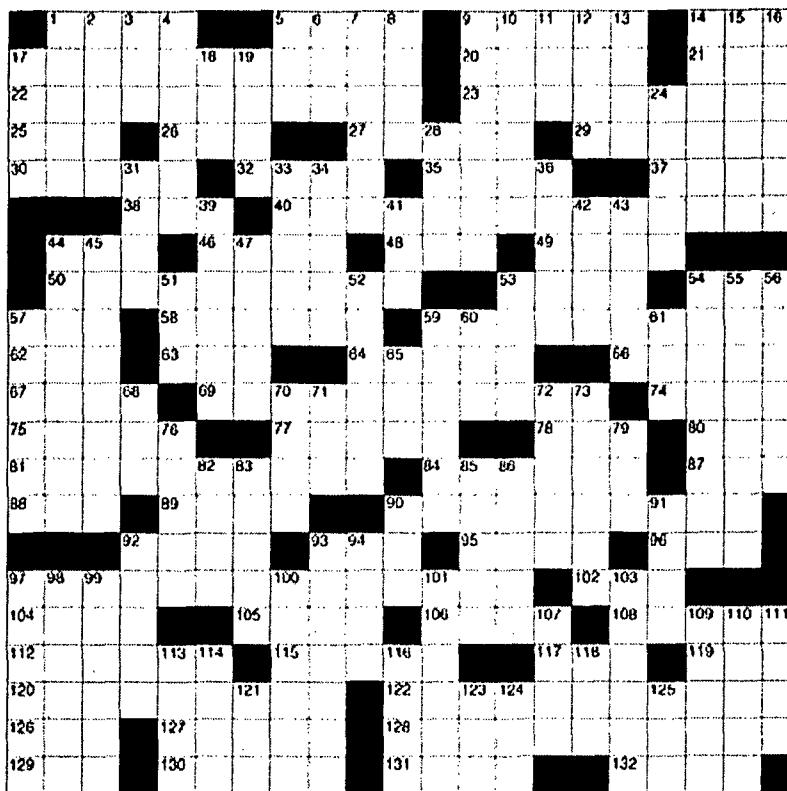


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